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I have a little mechanical arrangement that very clearly shows the great advantage of my toric lenses over the ordinary flat ones.

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After the theater, a bit to eat and a sip of tea. Banquet Tea, of course, for you want none but the best. It is blended from the finest teas grown in India, Ceylon and China—blended into a brand that is delightful in aroma and exquisite in flavor.

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Teapots are just what made in the McCormick Teapot. It is made of earthenware, through which the tea is brewed, and is beautifully finished in a warm golden brown and is free to users of Banquet Tea. A free gift for particular.

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Eighteen Years after taking the Keeley Treatment

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Dear Sir: It will be eighteen years next May since I took the Keeley Cure for the drink habit. As you know, I had drunk hard for years, and was in bad condition when I came to you for treatment. But today I enjoy the best of health, and I have never had a desire for drink since I left your Institute. You are at liberty to use this letter should anyone wish to hear from a man who has taken the Keeley Cure. I am, Sir, your sincere friend,

EDWARD BRANDT

Full information given free.

Keeley Institute, 812 N. Broad St., Philadelphia

Always Attracts

Plitt's decorating is distinctive in style—the kind that enhances the beauty of the home. Let Plitt estimate on Painting and Paperhanging.

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Messengers of Cheer!

Each advertisement in The Star is a cheery messenger. It comes carrying the offer of service. It is addressed to human wants.

It is backed up by men who are prepared to make good their promises.

There is satisfaction in buying advertised brands and in dealing with merchants who come out into the open day with their offers.

Advertising is a recorded promise. It must be kept, for the ultimate profit to the advertiser is in the satisfied customer rather than in the first sale.

ASK FOR and GET

HORLICK'S

THE ORIGINAL
MALTED MILK

Cheap substitutes cost YOU same price.

Experienced Advertisers Prefer

The Star

BURIED ALIVE FOR HOURS DURING BATTLE OF VERDUN

Fearful Fight Against Death of Himself and Companions Is Described by French Sapper.

PARIS, March 3.—The story of the three French sappers who were buried alive for hours during the battle of Verdun and who finally dug their way out to safety is told in detail by one of them, who has arrived in Paris on a hospital train. He said:

"With my friends Bernard and Jean, I was posted in a trench at the edge of the Vaucelle woods. The enemy showed a disposition to attack, and, according to orders, the three of us, with a charge of powder, fuses and tools, started down a mine gallery to fill the mine chamber, to lay the wires and to pack the gallery behind it. We did this without difficulty and were on our way back when a heavy explosion shook us. Had our mine gone off already? I hear stones falling," said one of my comrades. We rushed forward—

of the gallery was full of gravel! We realized the horrible truth; we were walled up. An enemy shell had exploded above the gallery, causing the roof to fall in.

Not Afraid of Death.

"We examined the walls in feverish haste. 'We are done for,' said Jean. 'We were not afraid of death—it was all part of the game, but we did not like to die there in the darkness. How long can we stay here?' Jean asked again. 'There is plenty of air and the gallery is roomy, but there is nothing to eat,' replied 'Well, what's the good of a few hours more or less?' he said. 'Why wait? I for one have already made up my mind.' He took out his revolver, but I stopped him and said, 'Don't be a fool. Let us wait a while, we may hit on some way out.' 'The first horror having passed over we began to discuss ways and means. Let us wait patiently for our mine to

explode. If it makes a big enough hole we can dig through into it," I said.

Hear Sounds of Battle.

"We sat down in silence and could hear all the sounds of battle above us, for the earth is a good conductor of sound. We tried to distinguish the character of the various vibrations, so as not to miss the noise when our mine exploded. Finally we heard it, and we pushed forward through a wave of hot air. Hope strengthened our arms, and we piled our picks furiously, but our packing had been so well done that it took us two hours before we got into the empty mine chamber. I listened, but the sound of firing seemed so far off that I judged there was a thick layer of earth between us and the outer world. Then drops fell upon us. We were going to be flooded!"

"So much the better," said Jean; "we shall die more quickly."

Gets Taste of Blood.

"Something trickled down on my lips and I recognized the taste. It was blood, and I realized that if blood was coming through we could not be far from the surface. With renewed hope we set to work again, but rather clumsily, for we started at fall of earth which nearly buried us. We were all injured, Bernard's leg being broken, Jean's head cut, and my left arm broken. Despite our pain we continued our efforts and after a while we came on a number of dead bodies of Germans, which had rolled to the bottom of the crater which the mine explosion had made."

"After an hour of digging and crawling among these bodies, we got out into the air. Both my comrades were so exhausted that they fainted. I watched over them, being sheltered from shells and bullets by the steep side of the crater. After eight hours' waiting ambulance attendants found us and by that time we had but little life left in us."

COMMENCEMENT HELD FOR COLORED SCHOOLS

Armstrong Manual Training and Business High Night School Graduates Receive Diplomas.

Commencement exercises of the Armstrong Manual Training Night School and colored Business High Night School were held Wednesday night at Armstrong. R. C. Bruce, assistant superintendent in charge of colored schools, presented certificates, A. C. Newman, assistant director of night schools, presided. Fountain Peyton, member of the board of education, delivered the commencement address. Rev. D. F. Rivers conducted devotional exercises and music was furnished by the night music class, directed by Prof. Harris. An exhibit was made of the work done.

Those who received certificates were: Armstrong Manual Training Night School—Tailoring department—Marion Barber, Sarah Dickerson, Lula Fields, Corli James, Margaretta Lewis, Charlotte Meredith, Delaine Porter, Mamie Stewart, Eunice Tate and Estelle Tinsley.

Millinery—Caroline Sybill Ashton, Florence Cerico Brodie, Essie Elizabeth Hebron, Alice Estelle Lettmore, Nina Elizabeth Thompson and Sicily Newman Washington.

Domestic science—Annie E. De Vaul, Bessie L. Connor, Anna A. Contee, Ida M. Finley, James Carter Green, Mary M. Hamilton, Minnie Hamilton, Mattie A. Johnson, Sarah Murdoch, Pocahontas Pope, Mattie Scurlock and Georgianna Speller. Machine shop—Garfield Douglas, David Fry and Howard Jackson.

Woodwork—William J. Murray.

Mechanical drawing—Balls Dunlap and Sidney Dobson.

Business Night High School—Missouri J. Evans, Florence A. Johnson, Blanche Norman, Lottie C. Tucker, Charles C. Carter, Osborne E. Dennis, William C. Green, James H. Hughes, Benjamin A. Jenkins, Ambrose Shier, Jr., and Lewis E. Smith.

Convicted of Strangling Girl.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 3.—Louis Bianchetti, accused of strangling to death Dolores Evens in a hotel here, was convicted last night of manslaughter, the jury returning the verdict after six hours' deliberation. He was charged with first degree murder.

TRUTHFUL ADVERTISING DISCUSSED BY EXPERT

C. E. Le Vigne of New York Tells of Means of Exposing Fakes.

"Truthful advertising is a serious problem, for it affects both the merchants and the public vitally," said C. E. Le Vigne, advertising investigator of a large New York newspaper, in an address delivered before the advertising vigilance committee of the Retail Merchants' Association last night in the oak room of the Raleigh Hotel.

"The truth cannot be weighed, either by pound or gallon, but real honesty is the writing of words in such a manner that they cannot possibly be misconstrued," he said.

Mr. Le Vigne told the members of the committee of various means of exposing false and misleading advertising matter. He told of his experiences in New York city and what has been accomplished by the paper by which he is employed. He said the idea of forming an advertising committee in this city is a good one, since it will benefit both the public and advertising mediums alike. It will serve to drive the trickster out of business here, he said.

The committee considered several complaints concerning advertising matter said to be misleading. Patent medicines came in for considerable attention. Dr. L. F. Keblor of the drug division of the Department of Agriculture, who is ordered to assist the committee in its work, and Dr. L. D. Walter, representative on the committee from one of the citizens' associations, were appointed a committee to investigate and bring in a report on patent medicines.

MAJ. TALIAFERRO DIES.

Said to Have Been Truce Bearer for Lee at Appomattox.

ROANOKE, Va., March 3.—News has been received of the sudden death in New York city of Maj. Catlett Conway Taliaferro of this city.

Maj. Taliaferro was sixty-nine years

old, and was one of the best known men in Virginia. At the age of four-

teen years he ran away from his home in Orange county, Va., and enlisted in Stonewall Jackson's brigade. Later he

joined Gen. Lee's command and was said to have been the general's truce bearer at the surrender of Appomattox.

Parker, Bridget & Co.

MOTHERS!

Parker-Bridget displays of Boys' Wash Suits, Spring Suits and Reefers are ready for your inspection. Prices modest—always.

Your Spring Hat, Sir! Make it a Ramo or Omar if you want style and quality and the greatest assortment to select from. Prices Only \$2 and \$3.

FINAL SALE PRICES

All Winter-weight Suits and Overcoats are reduced in price, and now is the time to buy for the future. This annual sale will soon be over.

\$5 Teck Shoes \$3.95 \$1 and \$1.50 Shirts from our regular stock, 79c.

Parker, Bridget & Co.

The Avenue at Ninth

VOTES TO WITHDRAW FROM CENTRAL BODY

Benning Citizens' Association No Longer Affiliates With the Federation.

Favors Higher Pay for Street Cleaners and Expresses Opposition to Borland Rider.

A motion proposing withdrawal from the Federation of Citizens' Associations last night was adopted by the Benning Citizens' Association at a meeting held at the home of James W. Brown. During the discussion it was stated that a central body soon may be formed which will be composed of business and professional men.

The motion to withdraw, which was adopted without a dissenting vote, was presented by C. H. Sherwood, following a discussion of the treatment accorded the association's delegate and alternate when their credentials were presented to the central body.

Andrew D. Loffer, vice president, was in the chair. W. P. Irvin said he understood the Federation of Citizens' Associations is not a chartered organization, and expressed the hope that the proposed new central body be formed on a substantial legal basis. He further stated that he thought such an organization should confine itself to civic matters.

James M. Wood, discussing the question of civic bodies, said that the central body should be composed of associations whose membership is confined to business and professional men.

Indorses Bills Before Congress.

The association voted an indorsement of the Lobeck bill which provides an increase in pay for the street cleaners. Mr. Wood explained that the bill provides for an increase to \$2 a day, the lowest sum paid any similar employee in other cities.

Representative Tinkham's bill regulating street improvements was indorsed. Mr. Wood explained that the bill provides that benefits and damages shall not be assessed against abutting property and streets are actually improved. Max Oppenheimer, secretary of the association, offered the resolution.

The association voted an indorsement of the bill of Representative Ben Johnson, which provides the removal of records of conviction recorded in Juvenile Court against young children.

On motion of Mr. Irvin the association voted an approval of the bill introduced by Representative Cary providing for a revision of the law regulating pawnbrokers in the District of Columbia.

Need of Waiting Stations Discussed.

The question of establishing waiting stations on the line of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, especially one at the southeast corner of the old race track property, was discussed. It was stated that the railway company was requested to erect such a station there to protect its patrons during their long waits for cars.

The railway company, Secretary Oppenheimer said, "never acknowledged receipt of our communication."

Another effort will be made to interest the company in the matter. The withdrawal of the Benning road condemnation proceedings by the Commissioners was discussed. Mr. Wood and others told of the enactment of a law providing for the widening of that road and to prohibit racing. That was several years ago, it was stated, and the racing was quickly stopped, but Benning road has not been widened.

Mr. Wood was in favor of asking Congress to pass a bill compelling the Commissioners to go ahead with the proceedings and to widen the road. The question was postponed until the next meeting, however, when a comprehensive report will be submitted.

Opposition to Borland Rider.

Opposition to the enactment of the Borland rider providing for an eight-hour day for government employees was voiced by every member of the association in attendance, and a motion to express formally the association's views on the subject was offered by Mr. Irvin and adopted.

It was stated that police conditions at Benning, mentioned in a resolution at a prior meeting, have not been improved. The change desired is permission for the post men to report off at Benning instead of having to go all the way to the station—the present method, it was stated—leaving Benning unprotected for an hour or more.

Capt. Henry Schneider of the ninth police precinct is to be invited to attend the next meeting of the association and to discuss the question.

To Assist Needy School Children.

Plans for an entertainment by means of which to raise funds with which to assist needy children to continue their studies to the high school are to be discussed at a meeting of the Car-

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Safety Chain, Fob or Watch Pin FREE!

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Standard \$25.00 and \$27.50 Models

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The many different models for men have permanently guaranteed 14-kt. gold-stiffened cases, with the famous "Rockford" 15 and 17-jewel movement. In the Middle and Far West this is the standard timepiece of the principal railroads. No movement is finer or more thoroughly reliable. Elgin or Waltham movements will be furnished if preferred.

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